

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. In the Final Office Action mailed January 7, 2008, claims 1-14 and 20 have been rejected, and claims 15-19 have been allowed. In response, the Applicants have submitted the following remarks and cancelled claims 1-14 and 20. Accordingly, claims 15-19 are now pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amended claims and the remarks below.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,458,086 to Franco et al. (hereinafter Franco).

These claims have been cancelled. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a subsequently filed continuation application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 5 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Franco as applied to claims 1 and 10, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,616,333 to Shimoni (hereinafter Shimoni). These claims have been cancelled. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a subsequently filed continuation application.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Franco as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,647,287 to Peel, III (hereinafter Peel). This claim has been cancelled. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue this claim in a subsequently filed continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Within the Office Action, it is stated that claims 15-19 have been allowed. Claim 15 has been allowed as it states a patient monitoring system for analyzing data including a

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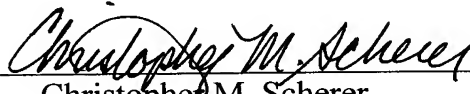
data acquisition module that acquires non-implant cardiac data from the patient, wherein the data acquisition module is not coupled with the receiver. Claims 16-19 are dependent upon the independent claim 15, which has been allowed.

Therefore, this response places this application in condition for allowance by cancelling the claims not deemed allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Allowance at an early date would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at 414-271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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